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Allah states that He has compensated His believing servants for their lives and wealth — if they give them up in His cause — with Paradise. This demonstrates Allah's favour, generosity and bounty, for He has accepted the good that He already owns and bestowed, as a price from His faithful servants.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالُهُمْ
 بِأَنَّ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ يُقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُقْتَلُونَ
 وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَعْدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَاةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ
 وَالْقُرْءَانِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ
 فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا بِيَعْكُمُ الذُّي بَأْيَعْثُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ
 الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

VERILY, ALLAH HAS PURCHASED OF THE BELIEVERS THEIR LIVES AND THEIR PROPERTIES FOR (THE PRICE) THAT THEIRS SHALL BE THE PARADISE. THEY FIGHT IN ALLAH'S CAUSE, SO THEY KILL AND ARE KILLED. IT IS A PROMISE IN TRUTH WHICH IS BINDING ON HIM IN THE TAURAT (TORAH) AND THE INJIL (GOSPEL) AND THE QUR'AN. AND WHO IS TRUER TO HIS COVENANT THAN ALLAH? THEN REJOICE IN THE BARGAIN WHICH YOU HAVE CONCLUDED. THAT IS THE SUPREME SUCCESS

(Surah At Taubah 9:111)

This is why those who fight in the cause of Allah are said to have conducted the sale with Allah, meaning, accepted and fulfilled his covenant.

Hasan Al Basrī (رحمه الله) and Qatadah commented,

"BY ALLAH! ALLAH HAS PURCHASED THEM AND RAISED THEIR WORTH."

Shimr bin `Atiyyah (رحمه الله) said,

"THERE IS NOT A MUSLIM BUT HAS ON HIS NECK A SALE THAT HE MUST CONDUCT WITH ALLAH; HE EITHER FULFILS ITS TERMS OR DIES WITHOUT DOING THAT."

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

يُقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ قَيْقُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ

THEY FIGHT IN ALLAH'S CAUSE, SO THEY KILL AND ARE KILLED

Whether they were killed or they kill the enemy, or both, then Paradise will be theirs.

The Two Sahihs recorded the Hadith,

وَكَفَلَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ خَرَجَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَا يُخْرِجُهُ إِلَّا جَهَادٌ
فِي سَبِيلِهِ وَتَصْدِيقٌ بِرُسُلِهِ يَأْنَ تَوْفَاهُ أَنْ يُدْخِلَهُ
الْجَنَّةَ، أَوْ يَرْجِعَهُ إِلَى مَنْزِلِهِ الَّذِي خَرَجَ مِنْهُ، نَائِلًا مَا
تَالَ مِنْ أَجْرٍ أَوْ غَنِيمَةً

(ALLAH HAS MADE A PROMISE TO THE PERSON WHO GOES OUT (TO FIGHT) IN HIS CAUSE; `AND NOTHING COMPELS HIM TO DO SO EXCEPT JIHAD = IN MY CAUSE AND BELIEF IN MY MESSENGERS. 'HE WILL EITHER BE ADMITTED TO PARADISE IF HE DIES, OR COMPENSATED BY ALLAH, EITHER WITH A REWARD OR BOOTY IF HE RETURNS HIM TO THE HOME WHICH HE DEPARTED FROM)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

وَعْدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًا فِي التَّوْرَاةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ
وَالْقُرْءَانِ

IT IS A PROMISE IN TRUTH WHICH IS BINDING ON HIM IN THE TORAH AND THE INJIL AND THE QUR'AN

Allah has decreed this for His Most Honourable Self, and revealed it to His Messengers in His Glorious Books, the Torah that He sent down to Musa, the Injil that He sent down to `Isa, and the Qur'an that was sent down to Muhammad, may Allah's peace and blessings be on them all.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ
AND WHO IS TRUER TO HIS COVENANT THAN ALLAH

Allah never breaks a promise.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَدِيثًا
AND WHO IS TRUER IN STATEMENT THAN ALLAH

(Surah An Nisa 4:87)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ قِيلًا
AND WHOSE WORDS CAN BE TRUER THAN THOSE OF
ALLAH

(Surah An Nisa 4:122)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

فَاسْتَبْشِرُواْ بِيَعْكُمُ الَّذِي بَأَيْعَثْمُ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ
هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

THEN REJOICE IN THE BARGAIN WHICH YOU HAVE
CONCLUDED. THAT IS THE SUPREME SUCCESS

(Surah At Tawbah 9:111)

Those who fulfil the terms of this contract and uphold this covenant receive the good news of great success and everlasting delight.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

الَّتِيْبُونَ الْعَيْدُونَ الْحَمْدُونَ الْبِسْئُونَ
الرَّكِعُونَ السَّاجِدُونَ الْأَمْرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

وَالثَّابِتُونَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَالْحَفِظُونَ لِحُدُودِ
اللَّهِ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

THOSE WHO REPENT, WHO WORSHIP (HIM), WHO PRAISE (HIM), WHO FAST, WHO BOW DOWN, WHO PROSTRATE THEMSELVES, WHO ENJOIN GOOD AND FORBID EVIL, AND WHO OBSERVE THE LIMITS SET BY ALLAH. AND GIVE GLAD TIDINGS TO THE BELIEVERS
(Surah At Tawbah 9:112)

This is the description of the believers from whom Allah has purchased their souls and wealth, who have these beautiful and honourable qualities,

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

الْتَّائِبُونَ

(WHO REPENT) FROM ALL SINS AND SHUN ALL EVILS

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

الْعَبْدُونَ

(WHO WORSHIP), THEIR LORD AND PRESERVE THE ACTS OF WORSHIP THAT INCLUDE STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS

Praising Allah is among the best statements.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

الْحَمْدُونَ

WHO PRAISE HIM

Fasting is among the best actions, involving abstaining from the delights of food, drink and sexual intercourse, this is the meaning hereby,

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

السَّيِّخُونَ
AS-SA'IHUN (WHO FAST)

(Surah At Taubah 9:112)

Allah also described the Prophet's wives that they are,

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

سَيَّخَتْ
SA'IHAT

(Surah At Tahrim 66:5)

They fast. As for prostrating and bowing down, they are acts of the prayer,

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

الرَّكِعُونَ السَّاجِدُونَ
WHO BOW DOWN, WHO PROSTRATE THEMSELVES

These believers also benefit Allah's creation and direct them to His obedience by ordaining righteousness and forbidding evil. They have knowledge about what should be performed and what should be shunned. This includes abiding by Allah's limits in knowledge and action, meaning, what He allowed and what He prohibited. Therefore, they worship the True Lord and advise creation.

وَبَشِّرْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
AND GIVE GLAD TIDINGS TO THE BELIEVERS

Since faith includes all of this, and the supreme success is for those who have faith.

A MAN SAID: "O MESSENGER OF ALLAH WHAT IS ISLAM?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "ISLAM IS SUBMISSION OF YOUR HEART AND THAT THE MUSLIMS ARE SAFE FROM YOUR TONGUE AND YOUR HANDS" HE SAID: "WHAT IS THE BEST OF ISLAM?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "IMAN (FAITH)" HE SAID: "WHAT IS FAITH?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH REPLIED, "TO BELIEVE IN ALLAH, HIS ANGELS, HIS BOOKS, HIS MESSENGERS, AND THE RESURRECTION AFTER DEATH" HE SAID, "WHAT IS THE BEST OF IMAN?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "HIJRAH" HE SAID: "WHAT IS HIJRAH?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "TO LEAVE SINS BEHIND" HE SAID, "WHAT IS THE BEST OF HIJRAH?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "JIHAD". HE SAID: "WHAT IS THE BEST OF JIHAD?" THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID, "THE ONE WHOSE HORSE IS SLAIN AND HIS BLOOD IS SPILLED"

(Ahmad, Bayhaqi & Tabarani)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) was asked:

"O MESSENGER OF ALLAH, GUIDE ME TO A DEED EQUIVALENT TO JIHAD" HE SAID, "I DON'T FIND ANY!" THEN HE SAID, "WHEN THE MUJAHID GOES ON JIHAD, CAN YOU ENTER YOUR MOSQUE AND PRAY CONTINUOUSLY, AND FAST AND NEVER BREAK YOUR FAST?" THE MAN SAID, "WHO COULD DO THAT!"

(Sahih Bukhari)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) said,

"BEING STATIONED IN THE PATH OF ALLAH FOR A DAY IS GREATER THAN FASTING THE DAYS OF A MONTH AND PRAYING ITS NIGHTS. AND IF HE DIES HIS REWARDS OF THE DEEDS HE USED TO DO WOULD CONTINUE AND HIS PROVISIONS WOULD CONTINUE AND HE WOULD BE SPARED THE TRIAL OF THE ANGELS OF THE GRAVE"

(Sahih Muslim)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) said,

“THE SHAHID FEELS THE PAIN OF DEATH JUST LIKE ONE OF YOU WOULD FEEL THE STING OF AN INSECT”
(Ahmad, An-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah & Tirmidhi)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) said,

“VERILY THE STANDING OF A MAN IN THE BATTLE LINE FOR THE CAUSE OF ALLAH IS BETTER THAN SEVENTY YEARS OF WORSHIP AMONGST HIS FAMILY”
(Tirmidhi)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) was asked:

“WHAT IS THE BEST OF ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP?” HE SAID, “BELIEVING IN ALLAH” HE WAS ASKED, “AND THEN WHAT?” HE RESPONDED, “JIHAD IN THE PATH OF ALLAH” THEN HE WAS ASKED “AND THEN WHAT?” HE SAID, “AN ACCEPTED HAJJ”
(Bukhari & Muslim)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) said,

“TWO EYES WILL NOT BE TOUCHED BY HELLFIRE: AN EYE THAT CRIES FROM THE FEAR OF ALLAH, AND AN EYE THAT SPENT THE NIGHT IN A GUARD POST IN THE PATH OF ALLAH.”
(Tirmidhi)

Allah's Messenger (صلی الله علیہ و سلم) said,

“A TRIP IN THE EARLY OR LATE HOURS OF THE DAY IN THE PATH OF ALLAH IS BETTER THAN THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT, AND THE AREA UNDER A WHIP OR UNDER YOUR FOOT IN PARADISE IS BETTER THAN THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT, AND IF A WOMAN OF PARADISE REVEALS HERSELF TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD SHE WOULD FILL THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM WITH LIGHT, AND HER SCENT, AND THE SCARF ON HER

HEAD IS BETTER THAN THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT”

(Sahih Bukhari)